the Act more explicitly so as to curb their misuse for detection and disclosure of sex of the foetus;

3. further empowerment of the Central Supervisory Board for monitoring the implementation of the Act;

4. introduction of State level Supervisory Board and multi member State Appropriate Authority for monitoring and reviewing the implementation of the Act in States/UTs;

5. more stringent punishments so as to serve as a deterrent for minimizing violations of the Act;

6. vesting the Appropriate Authorities with the powers of Civil Court for search, seizure and sealing the machines, equipments and records of the violators of law including sealing of premises and commissioning of witnesses;

7. mandatory maintenance of records of use of ultrasound machines and other equipments capable of detection of sex of foetus and of tests and procedures leading to pre-conception selection of sex;

8. regulating sale of ultrasound machines to the clinics registered under the Act; and

9. indications for which ultrasound can be conducted during pregnancy for the well being of the pregnant woman and her foetus.

Expansion of health care in Orissa

*3. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa Government has submitted a proposal of Rs. 502 crores for expansion of health care;

(b) if so, the details of the project;

(c) whether the State Government has also taken up the issue of

establishment of a super special hospital on the lines of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi; and

(d) if so, the status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) Proposals for upgradation of 4 medical institutions with a total cost of Rs. 222 crores have been submitted by the Government of Orissa to this Ministry in December, 2002. The Government of Orissa has been requested to send a comprehensive proposal covering all the medical colleges and attached hospitals in the States.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister has already laid the foundation stone on July 15, 2003, for 'Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhubaneswar', a super specialty hospital on the pattern of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana.

Commitment for free to air channels

*4. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given any commitment to provide 70 free-to-air channels in 72 rupees under the CAS regime; and

(b) if so, the channels falling under this category and the basis of this assessment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Government had amended the Cable Television Network (Regulation) Act 1995 and had made a provision for transmission of programmes through an addressable system. Under Section 4A(1) of the Act the Central Government is empowered, in the public interest, to specify the maximum amount which a cable operator may demand from subscriber for receiving the programmes transmitted in the basic service tier, consisting of free to air channels. On 7th May 2003, the Government has specified the maximum amount, in public interest, to